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| Applicant | : | Andreas Buchmann et al. | | |
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LETTER

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Sir:

Applicant encloses herewith the required Declaration for the above-identified application. The late filing fee surcharge of \$130.00 for the enclosed declaration was previously submitted with the application on August 3, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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